

House Resolution No. 3234

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has brought great commitment and steadfast dedication to the teaching profession; and

Whereas, Tom Draffen, an esteemed resident of Ozark, Missouri, will officially retire from his teaching position with the Sparta R-III School District on May 28, 2004, after a successful career in education that has spanned an incredible thirty-two years; and

Whereas, Tom Draffen has played an integral role in the educational development of several Missouri youngsters as a teacher with the Sparta R-III School District for twenty-one years, during which time he has taught fifth, fourth, and third grades at Sparta Elementary School, and has served as a school bus driver; and

Whereas, Tom Draffen gained an immeasurable amount of teaching experience as an industrial arts and reading teacher at Arcadia Valley Elementary School for eleven years before joining the Sparta R-III School District; and

Whereas, Tom Draffen is a devout member of Ozark Assembly of God Church, where he glorifies the Lord as a Sunday school teacher; and

Whereas, Tom Draffen has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Claire, and his two children, Gordon and Lori:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Tom Draffen for his thirty-two years of unparalleled service to the Sparta R-III School District and to the education of Missouri's youngest citizens, and in wishing him the long, enjoyable retirement he so richly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Tom Draffen.

Offered by _____
Representative Jerry Bough
District No. 142

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3234, adopted May 26, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker